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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A system for ordering items comprising:

a server for controlling data communication with a plurality of terminals via a network,

a database accessible by the server comprising:

a merchandise master which stores information on all items offered from a plurality of dealers to a plurality of customers according to item numbers unique to each item, and

a merchandise assortment related master which stores a list of traded items and the item numbers among the items stored in the merchandise master agreed upon between the customer and the dealer as merchandise assortment related information according to each purchasing unit of the customer and each dealer who offers the item to the customer; and

a terminal for submitting to the server an ordering request for ordering at least one item from a user who belongs to a purchasing unit,

wherein the server comprises an item specific order controller for specifying, for each item in the ordering request, a dealer who offers the item, based on the merchandise assortment related information of the purchasing unit to which the user belongs,

wherein the merchandise assortment related master stores merchandise assortment related information groups for each of the dealers in a state in which item numbers of items purchased by the customer are not duplicated by a plurality of dealers,

wherein the item specific order controller comprises:

a function for determining a purchasing unit of a user who accessed from the terminal and specifying the merchandise assortment related information group for the purchasing unit, based on the determined purchasing unit,

a function for displaying an electronic catalog comprising a list of all items stored in the specified merchandise related information group on the terminal,

a function for, upon the user selecting an item, specifying the unique merchandise related information of the selected item number, among the merchandise related information group, and

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